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Title : New α Crystalline Form of Perindopril Tert-Butylamine Salt

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

As soon as the Serial No. and Filing Date have been accorded the above-identified application, kindly enter the following amendment:

IN THE ABSTRACT: Kindly replace the Abstract with the substitute Abstract sheet provided herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION: Kindly replace page two(2) with the substitute sheet provided herewith, in clean and marked-up form.

IN THE CLAIMS: Kindly cancel Claims 1-13 and replace with Claims 14-26, provided herewith.

REMARKS

A few constructive editorial changes have been made in the claims to bring them somewhat more into line with U.S. practice and requirements. Applicants have cancelled all of the originally filed claims, 1-13. New claims 14-26 have been added to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention, notwithstanding Applicants' belief that the claims would have been allowable as originally filed.

Entry and favorable action on the merits of this application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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for the Abstract, Specification (clean and marked-up form)
and Claims 14-26.